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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Ishizuka, et al., Ohnishi, et al., and the *Special Issue: Latest Agent Technology* references are cited in the specification at page 2, line 26; page 3, line 3, and page 14 line 19, respectively. An English language translation of the *Special Issue: Latest Agent Technology* reference is not presently available to the Applicant's attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. Also, an English language abstract for the Japanese Patent Application also is enclosed as an English language statement of relevance for this reference.

Please note that in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 16, 2001, there was a typographical error found in the first named inventor for the reference entitled "A Method of Watermarking Under Frequency Domain for Protecting Copyright of Digital Image." Please correct the inventor's name to read **Takao Nakamura**, instead of Takao Nakmura.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

**CONCLUSION**

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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